

# Friends of the Sonoma Valley Library Newsletter

August 2010



*From the editor.....*

The **Friends and Advisory Board** monthly meetings have continued to focus on the progress of the Library Improvements program. More detail is found on page three.

The Board, at its July meeting reviewed the success of this year's **Big Read** events here in the Sonoma Valley that were spearheaded by a superb committee and funded by the **Friends**. Because of the anticipated construction project, and the unknowns regarding where the library will be located during this time, the Board voted to not fund this program in 2011. The Finance Committee did not meet, however some information on legacy giving is included in this newsletter, and will be discussed at future Finance meetings.

Meanwhile, our Sonoma Valley Library is still jumping! The computer terminals are in use, children with parents selecting books, videos, DVDs, tutors with their students, patrons at tables using reference materials, etc. This is a great space to spend a few quality hours, and check out materials for **FREE**.

The **Friends Summer Book Sale** is just around the corner. Come and stock up for your fall reading, listening or viewing. Your purchases at our quarterly book sales provide 90% of our funds. This is why we're able to supplement the services and materials here in our own Sonoma Valley Library. **WE LOVE YOU..... OUR FRIENDS OF SONOMA VALLEY LIBRARY.**

Best, always ...

*Robyn Makaruk*



## SUMMER BOOK SALE

**MEMBERS PREVIEW: Wednesday 18 August**

**11:00 am to 5:30 pm**

**Open to the public from 5:30 to 8:30 pm**

No limit on purchase

**\*\* NO SORTING OR HOARDING IN DELONG ROOM:**  
Each person will be given one paper bag upon entry and when filled is to be removed from the DeLong room and considered purchased. Other bags will be issued one at a time.

**REGULAR SALE: Thurs, Fri, Sat, August 19, 20, 21**

**10:00 am to 5:30 pm**

Open to the Public—No limits on purchases

**STUDENTS PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 12**

**DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR FREE BOOK !**

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**JOIN THE  
FRIENDS!**



## Book Sales Stats

Another great sale at our Spring Book Sale.

Remember no item sells for more than \$2.  
Here are the numbers:

319 boxes \* put out at sale  
 15 boxes paperbacks  
 21 boxes to Non-Profits  
 75 boxes to St. Vincent de Paul/Kiwanis  
 238 boxes sold at the sale  
**0 boxes RECYCLED**  
**\$11,266** Gross Receipts

\* approx. 30 books/box.

An additional \$570 was received at the book sale for new and renewing memberships.

Kudos to all the volunteers that make the Sonoma Valley **Friends** group so productive and successful!



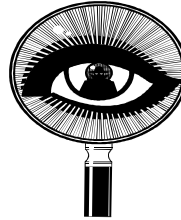
## BOOK PICKUPS

**If you have a large donation of books and cannot get them to the library, our wonderful volunteer will help.**

**Wayne Schake**

**938-9248**

**Call him if you need his service.**



## Mystery Book Club Second Thursday of the Month at 4 pm

This popular program is continuing through 2010 thanks to the **volunteer facilitator, Kassandra**. Mark your calendars for the meeting dates. The book selection for the remaining months of 2010 is outlined below, but may be added to or changed by consensus with books purchased by the **Friends**.

Kassandra says, "don't worry if you really don't like the book. Come along for a lively discourse. This is what we're about!"

August: *Chalk Circle Man*—Fred Vargas

September: *Foreigner*—France Lin

October: *SweetSmoke*—David Fuller

November: *The Book Thief*—Markus Zusak

December: *Sacrifice*—S. J. Bolton

The club is open to everyone including new members and each month is a new book. A Library Card is all you need to get the book for the next meeting. For more information about the club contact

**Kassandra Miller at 935-0415 or**

**[Kassandra4@comcast.net](mailto:Kassandra4@comcast.net)** Please put the words "mystery book club" in the subject line.

### 2010 Meeting Dates

**September 9**

**October 14**

**November 4**

**August 12**

**December 9**



***Stock up for your Fall  
Reading at the next Book  
Sale!***



## Library Improvements

**UPDATE:** At the July meeting of the Advisory Board, Director Sandy Cooper distributed a copy of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Sonoma and the Sonoma County Library, a joint powers agency, as it relates to the proposed 2011 Sonoma Valley Regional Library Improvement Project.

On April 21 2010 the City Council unanimously voted to move up the priority of the project by one year, to 2011.

On July 7, 2010 the City Council authorized the execution of a design services agreement with AXIA Architects to provide the necessary design services for the Project. The City will be the lead agency, and scope of work has been outlined.

As reported before, the **Friends** have committed \$100,000 to the Project. Temporary locations for the Library during construction are being researched.



## UPDATE: Adult Literacy Tutors

There was a 'full house' at the Sonoma Library's DeLong Room on Wednesday July 21 in response to the article in the *Index-Tribune* about the need for tutors for the Adult Literacy Program. The program was very informative and many signed up for the orientation sessions which Jamie arranged to provide in Sonoma. There were long-time tutors who spoke of the rewards they received from their mentees. Of the 13 students in Sonoma Valley waiting for tutors, 11 were matched up with tutors. Bravo!

The Adult Literacy Program holds an orientation at 6:30pm on the second Wednesday each month at the Santa Rosa Library. If you are still interested in joining this worthwhile program, Jamie's contact information is listed below.

**Contact: Jamie Bowen, Interim Tutor Coordinator, Sonoma County Library Adult Literacy Program.**



## GOIN' GREEN UPDATE

There are now over 300 members who have signed up to receive this newsletter by email. This is about 47% of the membership. If you wish to 'go green' or even go 'half-green' (i.e. get paper version as well) and are not signed up, please email Dave at:

**[daveddobbins@earthlink.net](mailto:daveddobbins@earthlink.net)**



## LEGACY GIVING

As a non-profit organization, over 90% of the **Friends of the Sonoma Valley Library's** funds are raised from the quarterly book sales, and gifts made during lifetimes. Legacy gifts can be incorporated in to estate planning to provide for long term gifts, and can be earmarked to be spent in a variety of ways. They are not used for everyday expenses.

In the near future, the **Friends** Finance Committee will be looking at the different ways legacy giving can provide a valuable asset to the Sonoma Valley Library through planned philanthropic giving.

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***Join the Friends!***

*Membership forms are available at the  
Friends of the Library Kiosk*

**Mission Statement**

*The Friends of the Sonoma Valley Library is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to bringing the pleasure of reading to our community by supporting our library financially and sponsoring programs. Our goal is an improved/new library.*

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